

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A door panel assembly for a dishwasher comprising:

a panel comprising a single unitary formation ~~downwardly~~ depending therefrom, said formation comprising a boot-shaped portion defining a heel portion, a toe portion substantially perpendicular to said heel portion, and a curved arch portion tapering from said heel portion to said toe portion; and

a seal member comprising a head portion and an opening therein complementary in shape to said formation, said head portion opening defining a heel portion, an arch portion, and a toe portion for receiving respective portions of said boot-shaped portion of said formation to retain said seal member on said formation.

2. (cancelled)

3. (original) A door panel assembly in accordance with Claim 1, said seal member further comprising a flap portion extending from said head portion.

4. (previously presented) A door panel assembly in accordance with Claim 1, said formation and said seal member adapted for slide on installation of said seal member to said door panel.

5. (previously presented) A door panel assembly in accordance with Claim 3, said panel further comprising a barrier portion extending from said panel in a spaced apart relationship to said formation, and wherein said flap portion of said seal member extends beyond said barrier portion.

6. (previously presented) A door panel assembly in accordance with Claim 5 wherein said door panel comprises an inner door panel.

7. (previously presented) A door panel assembly in accordance with Claim 6 wherein said formation depends from a bottom portion of said inner door panel.

8. (currently amended) A door panel assembly for a dishwasher, said door panel assembly comprising:

an inner door panel comprising a single unitary formation extending ~~downwardly~~ therefrom, said formation comprising at least one flat surface and a curved surface extending opposite said flat surface, said at least one flat surface defining a heel portion extending beyond said curved surface, said curved surface tapering to a toe portion; and

a seal member comprising a head portion and an opening therethrough, said opening complimentary in shape to said formation and slidably receiving said formation to attach said seal member to said formation.

9. (original) A door panel assembly in accordance with Claim 8 wherein said formation comprises a boot portion, said boot portion comprising a flat rear edge.

10. (previously presented) A door panel assembly in accordance with Claim 9, wherein said heel portion extends from said flat rear edge.

11. (previously presented) A door panel assembly in accordance with Claim 10, said boot portion comprising a curved arch portion extending from said heel.

12. (previously presented) A door panel assembly in accordance with Claim 8, said inner door panel further comprising a barrier portion extending therefrom in a spaced apart relationship to said formation, said flat surface of said formation extending substantially parallel to said barrier formation.

13. (original) A door panel assembly in accordance with Claim 8 wherein said formation extends from a bottom portion of said inner panel.

14. (currently amended) A door panel assembly comprising:

a panel comprising a bottom portion, a formation extending ~~downwardly~~ therefrom, and a barrier portion extending ~~downwardly~~ therefrom in a spaced apart relationship to said formation, said bottom portion, said formation, ~~and~~ said barrier portion, ~~each being unitarily formed with~~ and said panel comprising a single unitary structure; and

a seal member comprising a head portion and a flap portion extending from said head portion and contacting a distal end of said barrier portion, said head portion comprising an opening therethrough for receiving said formation, said head portion engaged to said formation.

15. (original) A door panel assembly in accordance with Claim 14 wherein said seal member is adapted for slide on engagement with said formation.

16. (previously presented) A door panel assembly in accordance with Claim 15 wherein said formation comprises a boot portion comprising at least a curved arch surface.

17. (previously presented) A door panel assembly in accordance with Claim 16 wherein said boot portion further comprises a flat edge extending substantially parallel to said barrier portion.

18. - 20. (cancelled)

21. (previously presented) A bottom door seal for an inner panel of a dishwasher door, said seal comprising:

a head portion and a flap portion extending from said head portion, said head portion defining a boot-shaped opening having a heel portion, a toe portion angularly displaced from

said heel portion, and a curved arch portion tapering from said heel portion to said toe portion, wherein said head portion is configured to receive a complementarily shaped protrusion on the door panel for sliding attachment of the seal to the door panel.

22. (previously presented) A seal according to Claim 21 wherein said flap portion extends beyond a barrier portion of the door panel and is configured for engagement with the barrier portion of the door panel.